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1. **Lowa, Werdau.** The Lowa plant at Werdau has orders to finish 800 trucks, types G 5 and H 6, by the end of September 1953; 91 are ready for tuning-up. They are fitted to carry infantry weapons and machine guns. Gun mounts and tractor parts such as track rollers and turret parts are delivered to a plant at Nordhausen. Eight electric omnibuses are to be supplied to Poland on reparations account on a short delivery date. There are 200 police personnel carriers standing in the plant because no provision has been made for instrument panels and connections. A million DM worth of wood is taking up space, because Rumania has canceled the order for coal cars, on the ground that the cars did not meet the materials test.
2. **Walslager Fraureuth.** The lathe operators in this plant are to be taught new work methods by the Soviet engineer Shimiak (fmu). All attempts to increase output by the Kovalkov method have failed so far. The best operators turn out up to 80 percent defective products. On the works chart, it is nevertheless indicated that the quota is being fulfilled by 101 percent.
3. **Maschinenfabrik Morgener, Werdau-Fraureuth.** This plant was expropriated some time ago, and has now become a VEB plant. A four-phase engine is being tested that is started with gasoline until it reaches a required number of revolutions per minute, then runs on oil. The plant also makes track rollers and running gear ostensibly intended for use with tractors, but which very much resemble the under parts of light tanks.
4. **VEB-Eisenwerk Zimmermann, Werdau (Ronneburgstrasse).** This plant manufactures 40-ton dredgers as reparations goods for the Soviet Union. Three of these are under construction at the present time. The material is delivered from the Unterwellenborn.
5. **Wismut A.G.** New mining installations have been constructed at Oberschlema (Objekt 65-02) and at Haldsachsen

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